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1. On 4 January 1954, the west section of the Oranienburg concentration camp was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. In the morning on 30 December, about 50 troops engaged in physical training near building No 150. [REDACTED] Noise of work was heard from the sheds. Motor vehicles were seen en route to and from the installation.

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2. On 4 January, the Weisse Stadt settlement was occupied by about 1,200 to 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. Individual officers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with engineer and signal insignia were also observed. On 31 December, about 20 rocket launchers were parked on the west side of buildings Nos 30 and 31. On 4 January, about 30 troops engaged in simulated attacks and about 35 troops in aiming practice in the barracks area, between the railroad line and the area east of the canal.

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3. Troop trains passing through the Oranienburg freight station between 11 and 29 December included:

11 December. At about 11:15 a.m., 5 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 4 closed boxcars, coming from the direction of Fuerstenberg/Havel and proceeding toward Dallgow-Doebritz.

22 December. At about 2:40 p.m., 10 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 2 closed boxcars; and 22 flatcars with sideracks carrying 12 trucks, including 2 trucks towing searchlights [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and 4 heavy AA guns, coming from the direction of Fuerstenberg/Havel and proceeding toward Velten.

29 December. At about a.m., 1 boxcar occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 2 closed boxcars, coming from the direction of Boetzow and proceeding toward Fuerstenberg/Havel. At 2:30 p.m. on 29 December, an undetermined number of troops and 10 x 132-mm rocket launchers, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] from the Weisse Stadt settlement were loaded on 2 boxcars and 10 flatcars with sideracks at the Oranienburg freight station, leaving toward Justerbog. [REDACTED]

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3 4. On 18 December, one wing of building No 150 in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp was occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. The other wing contained administration and instruction rooms. Buildings Nos 159 and 160 were also heavily occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Buildings Nos 145, 146, 147, 147a were locked and guarded by double-sentries of the tank training unit. On 19 December, 2 T-34 tanks were entrained at the Oranienburg freight station, leaving toward Loewenberg. On 21 December, 24 uniformed women, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, carrying small suitcases and led by an officer, marched toward the Sachsenhausen concentration camp from the Oranienburg railroad station. [redacted] an estimated 125 women soldiers were stationed in the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. On 22 December 4 x 132-mm rocket launchers [redacted] left the quarters toward Weisse Stadt. On 29 December, 6 x 132-mm rocket launchers [redacted] entered the quartering area from the direction of Sachsenhausen. On 24 December, 4 T-34 tanks left the quartering area toward Weisse Stadt and returned at about 4:30 p.m.<sup>1</sup> On 29 December, 10 x 132-mm rocket launchers were entrained at the Oranienburg freight station.<sup>2</sup> [redacted] In the morning of 20 December, about 500 troops and 20 women, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets and led by about 20 officers, including some with tank insignia from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp and about 400 troops with signal and survey and mapping insignia from the Weisse Stadt settlement attended a meeting in Schutzshaus on Bernauer Allee. On 22 December, trucks of the driving school unit were observed at training in the town of Oranienburg. [redacted]

1. [redacted] Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp since reports of late December. [redacted] [redacted]. The information fails to definitely identify the 162d Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div assumed stationed in the installation. The rocket launchers may belong to the mechanized units of the KVP stationed in the east section of the concentration camp. As, however, the rocket launchers [redacted] they may also have been old guns to be turned in by or new guns which had arrived for the 25th Tank Div. The 16th (?) Gds RL Bn of the division, however, is stationed in the Weisse Stadt settlement, rather than the Sachsenhausen concentration camp.

2. [redacted] Comment.

[redacted] it appears more credible that the entrained rocket launchers belonged to the 16th (?) Gds RL Bn of the 25th Tank Div stationed in the Weisse Stadt settlement. It is undetermined [redacted] a transfer to firing practices of equipment to be turned in at Justerbog.

3. [redacted] Comment. The train on 11 December may have been a shipment of stragglers in connection with the personnel exchange of the Second Gds Mecz Army. The train on 22 December probably carried units of the 31st AAA Div, which, [redacted] [redacted] went from Fuerstenberg to Veltan [redacted]

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